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In re Application of

Stanley J. CHECKETTS et al.

Application No. 10/679,780

Filed: October 6, 2003

Attorney Docket No. PSSSQ-C

: DECISION GRANTING PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 13, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed December 30, 2003. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 1, 2004.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of an executed oath/declaration; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$795.00 extension of time submitted with the petition on January 13, 2005 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, petitioner may request a refund of this fee by writing to the Office of Finance, Refund Section. A copy of this decision should accompany petitioner's request.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Betsy L. Deppe at (571) 272-6052 or in her absence, the undersigned at (571) 272-3217.

This application is being referred to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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